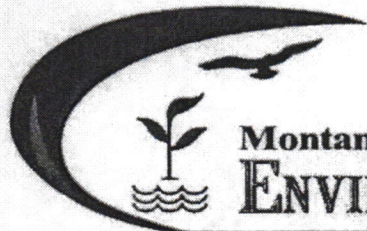


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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Whitefish, Montana
WPCSRF #: C304236 & DWSRF #: EQ 14-2140

Whitefish US 93 – Phase II Water & Sewer Improvements

June 12, 2014

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. The project is for replacement of approximately 7,500 feet of clay sewer main with a larger 12 inch PVC main, consolidation and interconnection of approximately 2,100 feet of 6 & 8 inch water mains into one 12 inch water main, and the addition of approximately 1,250 feet of 8 inch interconnection main to ensure uniform pressure. The work is being performed in conjunction with MDOT administered US 93 Highway Improvements taking place west of Karrow Avenue along US 93. Work will be performed within existing highway right-of-way along US 93 with interconnection along State Park Road and Fairway Drive. Work is being financed by the Montana Department of Transportation, upon completion the City of Whitefish will pay for work related to the water and sewer improvements. SRF will refinance the city debt with low interest loan funds.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
1520 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

City of Whitefish
Attention: Karin Hilding
413 E 2nd Street
Whitefish, MT 59937

Sincerely,

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